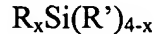


**Amendment to the Claims:**

1 (Canceled).

2 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1-5 wherein said silane has the following general formula:



wherein

R is a nonhydrolyzable functional group directly or indirectly bonded to the silicon atom selected from the group consisting of epoxy, isocyanato, mercapto, and mixtures thereof;

R' is a hydrolyzable group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, halogen, acetoxy or hydroxy or mixtures thereof; and

x= 1 to 3.

3 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1-5 wherein said pigment is TiO<sub>2</sub>.

4 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1-5 wherein said extended white pigment is selected from clays, inorganic metal compounds and siliceous materials.

5 (Currently amended) ~~The A composition of Claim 1 comprising:~~

- a) a white pigment or extended white pigment surface treated with a silane having at least one functional group capable of reacting with acids and anhydrides;
- b) at least one polymeric material; and,
- c) a compatibilizer, wherein said compatibilizer comprises comprising copolymers copolymer of ethylene or propylene with anhydride or acid groups which are capable of reacting with the functional groups of the at least one polymeric material.

6 (Currently amended) ~~The A composition of Claim 1 comprising:~~

- a) a white pigment or extended white pigment surface treated with a silane having at least one functional group capable of reacting with acids and anhydrides;
- b) at least one polymeric material; and,
- c) a compatibilizer, wherein said compatibilizer comprises comprising copolymers copolymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene maleic anhydride copolymers, ethylene (meth)acrylic acid copolymers, propylene maleic anhydride copolymers, propylene acrylic acid copolymers, ethylene propylene copolymers with maleic anhydride or acid functional groups, and olefinic ionomer resins.

7 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a concentration of about 0.5wt.% to about 20wt.% based on a total weight of the composition.

8 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a concentration of about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition.

9 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said filler or pigment is present at a concentration of about 40wt.% to about 85wt.% based on a total weight of the composition.

10 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 further comprising at least one lubricant selected from the group consisting of polysiloxanes, silicone fluids, stearates, paraffinic oils, fluorocarbon fluids, and mixtures thereof.

11 (Original) The composition of Claim 10 wherein said lubricant is a polysiloxane selected from the group consisting of polydimethylsiloxane and organomodified polydimethylsiloxane.

12 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~13~~ 10 wherein said lubricant is present from about 0.05wt.% to about to about 5wt.% based on a total weight of the composition.

13 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said silane is present on the surface of said pigment or extended white pigment in an amount of about 0.1 wt.% to about 5wt.% based on a weight of said pigment or extended white pigment.

14 (Currently amended) The composition of Claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of olefins and alphaolefins and their copolymers and terpolymers, rubbery block copolymers, polyamides, polyesters, vinylic polymers, acrylics, epoxies, ionomeric resins, and mixtures thereof.

15 (Original) The composition of Claim 14 wherein said polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene copolymers, polypropylene, propylene copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

16-20 (Canceled).

21 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said silane has the following general formula:



wherein

R is a nonhydrolyzable functional group directly or indirectly bonded to the silicon atom selected from the group consisting of epoxy, isocyanato, mercapto, and mixtures thereof;

R' is a hydrolyzable group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, halogen, acetoxy or hydroxy or mixtures thereof; and

x= 1 to 3.

22 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said pigment is  $TiO_2$ .

23 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said extended white pigment is selected from clays, inorganic metal compounds and siliceous materials.

24 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said extended white pigment is selected from clays, inorganic metal compounds and siliceous materials.

25 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a concentration of about 0.5 wt. % to about 20 wt. % based on a total weight of the composition.

26 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said compatibilizer is present at a concentration of about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total composition.

27 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said filler or pigment is present at a concentration of about 40 wt. % to about 85 wt. % based on a total weight of the composition.

28 (New) The composition of Claim 6 further comprising at least one lubricant selected from the group consisting of polysiloxanes, silicone fluids, stearates, paraffinic oils, fluorocarbon fluids, and mixtures thereof.

29 (New) The composition of Claim 28 wherein said lubricant is a polysiloxane selected from the group consisting of polydimethylsiloxane and organomodified polydimethylsiloxane.

30 (New) The composition of Claim 28 wherein said lubricant is present from about 0.05 wt. % to about 5 wt. % based on a total weight of the composition.

31 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said silane is present on the surface of said pigment or extended white pigment in an amount of about 0.1 wt. % to about 5 wt. % based on a weight of said pigment or extended white pigment.

32 (New) The composition of Claim 6 wherein said polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of olefins and alphaolefins and their copolymers and terpolymers, rubbery block copolymers, polyamides, polyesters, vinylic polymers, acrylics, epoxies, ionomeric resins, and mixtures thereof.

33 (New) The composition of Claim 32 wherein said polymeric material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, ethylene copolymers, polypropylene, propylene copolymers, and mixtures thereof.